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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ACCEPT  
DONATIONS OF CERTAIN LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, private lands in the State have sustained damage  
2 due to flooding, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, and other  
3 natural disasters, and lands along the coastlines will  
4 inevitably be lost to the effects of climate change; and  
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6           WHEREAS, lava disasters in 1990 and 2018 have destroyed  
7 towns and villages on the Big Island while Waikiki and other  
8 coastal areas will face infrastructure challenges against an  
9 encroaching sea; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the State and counties need to develop innovative  
12 disaster loss mitigation strategies in order to limit the future  
13 costs to the State and counties due to disasters that befall  
14 landowners who have built their homes in flood areas and lava  
15 zones; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that the counties are  
18 important partners in developing and implementing disaster loss  
19 mitigation strategies for the benefit of the public; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the counties and owners of land likely to be  
22 damaged by disasters or flooding would benefit from procedures  
23 for the acceptance of private land as donations for which the  
24 donor would receive a nonrefundable charitable income tax  
25 deduction; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
29 2020, that the counties are requested to develop procedures to  
30 accept donations of private lands that are damaged or likely to  
31 sustain damage due to natural disasters or climate change; and  
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# H.R. NO. 16

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors of each county or city  
 3 and county in the State.  
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